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INCREASED KILL NOTED IN MANITOBA DUCK HUNTING SEASON

A preview of things to come for U. S. duck hunters in the Mississippi Flyway during the forthcoming waterfowl hunting seasons is indicated in a report from the Canadian Province of Manitoba, released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service's Branch of Wildlife Research.

Biologists Arthur S. Hawkins and Merrill C. Hammond, now stationed on Manitoba's Netley Marsh, where one of the first 1948 North American duck hunting seasons opened on October 1, report that the total kill for the first two days of the season "was considerably higher" than last year's corresponding period.

Their report is based on a study of the bags taken by hunters during this initial period. Although the number of birds taken per hunter was only one-tenth percent higher than last year (1947 average success per gun during season's first two days: 3.7 birds), the greater number of hunters in the field this year made evident this year's higher total kill. Bag limit for both years was seven birds.

The 1948 hunters' bags included 2,003 ducks, 6 geese, and 6 coots, all taken during the first two days. During the first four days of the 1947 season, 1,658 ducks, 2 geese, and 11 coots were bagged.

In studying the composition of the hunters' bags and the condition of the marsh areas, the Fish and Wildlife Service biologists are working in cooperation with the Manitoba Game Branch.

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